



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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Mr. M.G. Mefferd
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Dear Mr. Mefferd:

Since EPA's approval of the California Division of Oil and Gas' (CDOG) Underground Injection Control (UIC) program covering Class II wells, federal grant funds have been provided to CDOG for program administration and implementation. These program grant funds were channeled to CDOG through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), which was designated by the governor (See Attachment I) to administer the grant and coordinate the state's UIC program with EPA.

By letter dated December 20, 1983 (See Attachment II), EPA was notified that the SWRCB would no longer pursue development of an approvable state program for Class I, III, IV, and V wells. Accordingly, the SWRCB is no longer eligible to receive any more grant funds until it has developed a UIC program approved by EPA. However, CDOG continues to be eligible for grant funds to implement its approved program for Class II wells.

To minimize any interruption of the flow of grant funds to CDOG, we recommend that the following actions be taken:

1. provide a letter from the Governor to the Regional Administrator of EPA designating CDOG as the state agency which will administer and coordinate the state program with EPA;
2. prepare and submit a grant application requesting transfer of the existing grant from the SWRCB to CDOG; and
3. prepare and submit an annual program plan in accordance with 40 CFR 35.670.

It is recommended that these activities be scheduled to accomplish actual transfer of the grant no later than June 30, 1984.

We are available to assist you in completing the grant application or in preparing the annual work plan. If you want to arrange for such assistance or have any other questions, please don't hesitate to call Melinda Taplin at (415) 974-4144 about the grant application or Nathan Lau at (415) 974-8274 about the program plan.

We look forward to continue working with you to protect the groundwaters of the State of California.

Sincerely,



William M. Thurston, Chief
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ATTACHMENTS

cc: Executive Director, SWRCB
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